

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

January 5, 2006

Minutes

**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by the President Toni Young, Councilmember, City of Port Hueneme. There was a quorum.

**Members Present**

Councilmember Toni Young, Port Hueneme, President	District 45
Mayor Pro Tem Ron Roberts, Temecula, Immediate Past President	District 5
Supervisor Yvonne Burke, 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President, Los Angeles County	
Supervisor Judy Mikels, Ventura County	
Supervisor Jeff Stone, Riverside County	
Supervisor Chris Norby, Orange County	
Councilmember Jon Edney, El Centro	District 1
Councilmember Greg Pettis, Cathedral City	District 2
Councilmember Bonnie Flickinger, Moreno Valley	District 3
Mayor Ron Loveridge, Riverside	District 4
Councilmember Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace	District 6
Mayor Larry McCallon, Highland	District 7
Councilmember Deborah Robertson, Rialto	District 8
Councilmember Paul Eaton, Montclair	District 9
Councilmember Alan Wapner, Ontario	District 10
Mayor Lawrence Dale, Barstow	District 11
Councilmember Cathryn De Young, Laguna Niguel	District 12
Councilmember Richard Dixon, Lake Forest	District 13
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway, Newport Beach	District 14
Councilmember Lou Bone, Tustin	District 17
Councilmember Christine Barnes, La Palma	District 18
Councilmember Marilyn Poe, Los Alamitos	District 20
Councilmember Art Brown, Buena Park	District 21
Mayor John Beaman, Brea	District 22
Councilmember Paul Bowlen, Cerritos	District 23
Councilmember Gene Daniels, Paramount	District 24
Councilmember David Gafin, Downey	District 25
Councilmember Isadore Hall, Compton	District 26
Councilmember Frank Gurule, Cudahy	District 27
Councilmember Rae Gabelich, Long Beach	District 29
Councilmember Tonia Reyes-Uranga, Long Beach	District 30

Councilmember Stan Carroll, La Habra Heights	District 31
Councilmember Margaret Clark, Rosemead	District 32
Councilmember Keith Hanks, Azusa	District 33
Councilmember Sid Tyler, Pasadena	District 36
Councilmember Harry Baldwin, San Gabriel	District 35
Councilmember Tom Sykes, Walnut	District 37
Councilmember Paula Lantz, Pomona	District 38
Councilmember Paul Nowatka, Torrance	District 39
Councilmember Jim Aldinger, Manhattan Beach	District 40
Councilmember Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica	District 41
Councilmember Todd Campbell, Burbank	District 42
Councilmember Dennis Washburn, Calabasas	District 44
Councilmember Glen Becerra, Simi Valley	District 46
Councilmember Carl Morehouse, San Buenaventura	District 47
Councilmember Dennis Zine, Los Angeles	District 50
Councilmember Bernard Parks, Los Angeles	District 55
Councilmember Jan Perry, Los Angeles	District 56
Councilmember Greig Smith, Los Angeles	District 59
Councilmember Thomas Buckley, Lake Elsinore	District 63
Councilmember Debbie Cook, Huntington Beach	District 64
Councilmember Tim Jasper, Apple Valley	District 65
Supervisor Lou Correa, Orange County	OCTA
Councilmember Robin Lowe, Hemet	RCTC

### **Members Not Present**

Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, LA County	
Supervisor Gary Ovitt, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President, San Bernardino County	
Supervisor Victor Carrillo, Imperial Valley	
Councilmember Richard Chavez, Anaheim	District 19
Councilmember Judy Dunlap, Inglewood	District 28
Councilmember Paul Talbot, Alhambra	District 34
Councilmember Mike Dispenza, Palmdale	District 43
Councilmember Ed Reyes, Los Angeles	District 48
Councilmember Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles	District 49
Councilmember Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles	District 51
Councilmember Jack Weiss, Los Angeles	District 52
Councilmember Tony Cardenas, Los Angeles	District 53
Councilmember Alex Padilla, Los Angeles	District 54
Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, Los Angeles	District 58
Councilmember Eric Garcetti, Los Angeles	District 60
Councilmember Janice Hahn, Los Angeles	District 62
Mayor Antonio Villariagosa, Los Angeles	At-Large
Councilmember Keith Millhouse, Moorpark	VCTC

## **Staff Present**

Mark Pisano, Executive Director  
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director  
Heather Copp, Chief Financial Officer  
Karen Tachiki, Chief Counsel  
Hasan Ikhrata, Director, Planning & Policy  
Keith Killough, Director, Information Services  
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by President Toni Young, City of Port Hueneme.

### **2.0 INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE**

President Young asked for a moment of silence honoring her mother who recently passed.

### **4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

Item 4.1.7 was pulled. The remaining consent calendar items were MOVED (Washburn), SECONDED (Brown) and APPROVED.

#### **4.1 Approval Items**

4.1.1 Minutes of December 5, 2005

4.1.2 Contracts over \$250,000  
ABSTAINED (Correa, DeYoung).

4.1.3 Additional Sponsorship for Faster Freight Cleaner Air Conference

4.1.4 Co-Sponsorship the California Congressional Delegation  
Transportation Reception

4.1.5 Resolution #06-470-1 Authorizing SCAG to Apply for and accept  
Caltrans State Planning & Research Funds for an I-405 ITS Study

4.1.6 Resolution #06-470-2 Accepting FTA 5313b and State Planning and  
Research Partnership Planning Grant Funds

4.1.7 KPMG Audit **Pulled**

#### **4.2 Receive & File**

4.2.1 Purchase Orders/Contracts between \$5,000 - \$250,000

4.2.2 Monthly CFO Report

## 5.0 **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### 5.1 **Appointments**

#### **Regional Council Members to Policy Committees**

To EEC: Hon. Dennis Zine, Los Angeles

#### **Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees**

Representing SANBAG on EEC: Hon. Penny Lilburn, Highland

#### **Water Policy Task Force**

Hon. Todd Campbell, Burbank

## 6.0 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **Goods Movement**

Mark Pisano stated that he and staff participated in a number of meetings during the month on the goods movement. He reported on a meeting with the CEOs in which an MOU was discussed as well as how to move forward on the environmental process with the federal and state agencies. There were also discussions on determining what kind of institution that could be created for purposes of taking advantage of the work that was completed last year on the value matrix and port elasticity. Mr. Pisano stated that the private-sector indicated their willingness to provide financial support to both projects of capital expansion and mitigation if there was an institution in place to negotiate with. He also stated that a legal paper was drafted that included various options, however two are being considered. The first option is to create a new institution – this will require state legislation, and the second option would be to use the same modal that was used in creating the Alameda-Corridor.

### **Compass 2%**

He reported that SCAG made a state-wide application for \$5 million in funds in which \$1.7 million was awarded to SCAG. He announced that Hasan Ikhrata and his staff completed incredible work on the application process. Most of the jurisdictions sent numerous letters and documents of support as well as a willingness to partner in moving forward in utilizing the resources. A process will be put into place to implement those resources.

## 7.0 **ACTION ITEMS**

### 7.1 **Administration Committee Report**

There was no report.

## 7.2 **Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report**

### 7.2.1 **Proposed 2008 RTP Schedule**

Pursuant to the requirements of SAFETEA-LU, the TCC approved moving forward with the next Regional Transportation Plan update (RTP), which allows plan update on 4-year cycle rather than the current 3-year-cycle.

It was MOVED (Baldwin), SECONDED (Dixon) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

### 7.2.2 **Regional Comment on Federal Trade Agreement with Thailand**

The Office of the U.S. Trade Representative is seeking comment on the Interim Environmental Review of a proposed United States-Thailand Free Trade Agreement (FTA). SCAG has prepared consensus comments on the FTA conveying the region's concerns that federal trade policy has created enormous, uncompensated localized burdens in Southern California due to the growth in goods movement. The TCC recommended approval of the agreement

It was MOVED (Baldwin), SECONDED and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

## 7.3 **Energy & Environment Committee (EEC) Report**

### 7.3.1 **S1607 Solid Waste on Railroad Properties**

It was MOVED (Washburn), SECONDED (Burke) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to support S1607.

### 7.3.2 **"Underground Rulemaking" Program**

It was MOVED (Washburn), SECONDED (Clark) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to support.

### 7.3.3 **Ahwahnee Water Principles for Resource Efficient Land Use**

It was MOVED (Washburn), SECONDED (Sykes) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to waive reading and approve Resolution #05-469-2 supporting the Ahwahnee Water Principles.

## 7.4 **Community, Economic & Human Development Committee Report**

There was no report.

## 7.5 **Communications & Membership Subcommittee**

The Subcommittee discussed the need to raise funds to support many of our under-funded activities. As SCAG convenes and/or hosts an increasing number of events and activities, the need for supplemental resources to support such activities continues to grow. In recent years fundraising efforts have been conducted on an event-by-event basis, sometimes repeatedly asking the same contributors to support. Instead of seeking sponsors as each need arises, the subcommittee proposed developing an annual program to solicit sponsors.

Discussions of developing a Leadership Academy for members are on-going, possibly with an affiliation with an academic institution. The initial program could be a 2- or 3-day course, focusing on regionalism, regional leadership, and the substantive regional issues SCAG needs to address. Funding for Regional Council Leadership Development is available in this year's General Fund budget in the amount of \$25,000. The Subcommittee recommended developing a Request for Proposal (RFP) to launch this program.

The upcoming Consensus trip to Washington D.C. scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> was discussed as well as how to make SCAG's presentation materials memorable. The consensus theme focus for this year's trip is Goods Movement. In addition to printed materials, the subcommittee proposed presenting members of Congress with a model-size truck, customized with an imprinted message on the vehicle. It was recommended that the Regional Council authorize up to \$3000 from the General Fund to secure these presentation materials.

Supervisor Burke recommended that the model-size truck display SCAG's logo and possibly other logos from member jurisdictions and/or the subregions.

It was MOVED (Baldwin), SECONDED (Tyler), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to accept the written report.

## 8.0 **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### 8.1 **State legislative bill draft relating to S.B.90 (1972) protection for JPAs**

Don Rhodes, Manager, Government Affairs, stated that SCAG will be working with other agencies, such as CALCOG and ABAG, in order to offer legislation that would amend California Government Code Statute 1972 Chapter 1406 (S.B.90) to ensure that Joint Powers Authorities are eligible to seek reimbursement from the State on SB 90.

## 9.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

### 9.1 Closed Session

- Writ of Mandate re: Board of Control Decision on, Statutes 1980 Ch. 1143 Claim No. 3929 Before the Commission on State Mandates (RHNA Determination Cost Reimbursement- Council of Governments). Code Section Conference with Legal Counsel pursuant to Government 54956.9 Pending Litigation (one potential case).

There was no closed session.

- Conference with Legal Counsel – potential litigation Audit issues: San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and Orange County Council of Governments. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Section 54956.9(b) Two (2) potential cases.

A report was provided by the General Counsel in closed session and no action was taken.

- Havens v. SCAG  
Havens v. Southern California Association of Governments, Los Angeles County, Case No. BC 324931  
Conference with Legal Counsel re: pending litigation Pursuant to Government Code section §54956.9(a)

There was no closed session.

## 10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

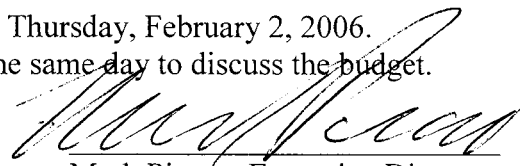
Councilmember Aldinger expressed concerns regarding Caltrans conducting subregional audits. He felt that SCAG should conduct the audit and requested that the issue be agendaized for discussion.

## 11.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

## 12.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held at SCAG offices Thursday, February 2, 2006.  
A joint budget workshop will also be held on the same day to discuss the budget.



Mark Pisano, Executive Director